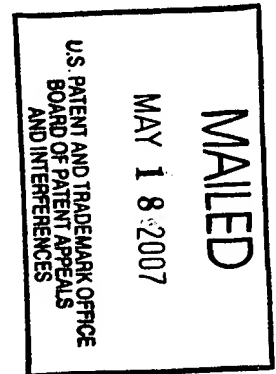


UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte MASAANKI HIROKI AND AKIRA MASE

Application 08/372,899



ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on January 25, 2007. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being electronically returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below:

In-depth review of this application reveals that on September 14, 1998, a "REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT OF INVENTORSHIP IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. 1.48(a)" was filed (Paper No. 34) which

requested that Shunpei Yamazaki be added as an inventor. The Office communication from the Examiner mailed October 27, 1998 (Paper No. 34 [sic, 35] stated:

[T]his application has been corrected in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(a). The inventorship of this application has been changed by adding an inventor's name of Shunpei Yamazaki.

The application will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) for issuance of a corrected filing receipt, and correction of the file jacket and PTO PALM data to reflect the inventorship as corrected.

It should be noted that the file jacket and the PTO PALM data still reflect that there are only two inventors (HIROKI and MASE).

Correction to the file jacket and PALM database is requested.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the application is return to the Examiner to:

- 1) for correction to the file jacket and PALM database by adding Shunpei Yamzaki as an inventor, and for issuance of a corrected filing receipt (if necessary); and

2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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